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BOOK REVIEWS.

THE LAW AND POLICY OF ANNEXATION.—With special reference to the Philippines, together with observations on the status of Cuba. By Carman F. Randolph, of the New York Bar. Author of "The Law of Eminent Domain." Longmans, Green & Co. New York, London and Bombay. 1901. 8vo. Pp. 226.

This volume contains a strong presentation of the question of expansion from the anti-expansionist's standpoint. The author discusses the subject in its constitutional, political and moral aspects, and his work indicates a serious and discriminating study of the question. The book is written in a calm and temperate style, yet from deep convictions—convictions which the reader finds it difficult not to share. The immediate purpose of the book, as stated in the preface, is to advocate withdrawal of our sovereignty from the islands and to suggest a method for its accomplishment.

The author believes that "in theory of law the Constitution is supreme throughout the jurisdiction of Congress," and that "the true policies of the republic discourage any assumption of sovereignty over land and people that tends to weaken our institutions, or lower the quality of our civic body, or dull our sense of justice."

A number of interesting documents appear in the appendix, and the volume contains a table of cases and an excellent index. We are glad to commend it to our readers as a learned and philosophical discussion of the Philippine question.

COMMENTARIES ON THE LAW OF STATUTORY CRIMES.—By Joel Prentiss Bishop. Third Edition. Revised and Enlarged by Marion C. Early, of the St. Louis Bar. Chicago: T. H. Flood & Company. 1901.

Bishop on Statutory Crimes has for nearly thirty years been the standard textbook on its subject. Indeed, so fully and satisfactorily has it covered the field, that we believe no other author has ventured into it. The new edition needs no other comment than that which new editions of standard works usually elicit—it has been brought down to date by the addition of the later cases. The editor has added some four thousand new citations. New matter, whether in the body of the text or in foot notes, has been judiciously ear-marked by brackets, that the reader may know what part of the work is the author's, and what the editor's.

The editor has earned the thanks of lawyers who have not access to large libraries by citing all the reports in common use, official and unofficial—including the American series, the L. R. A.'s, and the National Reporter System.

The publishers have done their part of the work in a style worthy of the classic volume.

THE LAW OF TORTS.—By Melville M. Bigelow, Ph. D. Harvard. Seventh Edition. Boston: Little, Brown & Company. 1901. Pp. xxxi, 431.

This excellent compendium of the elements of the law of Torts has been a favorite text-book in the law schools for many years. It is primarily intended for students, but practitioners in search of legal truth in concentrated form will find the volume useful.

REPORTS OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION.—Volume XXIII. 1900. John Hinkley, Secretary.

This volume contains a full report of the last annual meeting of the American Bar Association, held in August, 1900, at Saratoga Springs, New York. The Association has a total membership of 1,540, of whom 229 were registered at this meeting. The Virginia members number 32, and Virginia is represented on the Executive Committee in the person of Prof. H. St. George Tucker, of Washington & Lee University.

The next meeting of the Association will be held as far West as Denver, Colorado, on August 21, 22 and 23, 1901.